# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# FINANCE
# LOK SABHA

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DUPLICATE PAN CARDS RELATED HARASSMENT
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Union Government is aware of the harassment being made to general tax payers by Income-Tax Department by the duplication of PAN Card; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government to address the difficulties of the tax payers?

## Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE: (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) A number of persons made multiple applications for PAN, giving particulars differently, resulting in issue of multiple PANS. With a view to cleaning the PAN database, it was decided to undertake an exercise for de-duplication of PAN. No case of harassment during the de-duplication exercise has come to our notice. However, in a few cases difficulties in the issue of refunds due to duplication of PAN have been noted.

(b) Field offices of the Income Tax Department have been directed to complete de-duplication exercise in a time-bound manner. Further, the software in this regard has been enhanced so as to speed up the de-duplication process.